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Thursday, December 9, 2021.

Met at seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

## *Special Communication.*

The following communication, together with returns of votes and schedules therein referred to, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to wit:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

December 8, 2021.

*To the Honorable House:*

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the special election held in this Commonwealth on the thirtieth day of November, 2021, for Representative in the General Court, Fourth Essex District, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

Returns of  
votes for  
Representative  
in the Fourth  
Essex District.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution.

Very truly yours,  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

The communication, there being no objection, was placed on file.

## *Qualification of Member-elect.*

The Speaker announced that he had appointed himself as a special committee of the House to conduct Representative-elect Jamie Zahlaway Belsito, member-elect from the Fourth Essex District, to the Grand Staircase to be qualified at such time as may be convenient to the Governor and Council.

Representative-  
elect Jamie  
Zahlaway  
Belsito,—  
qualification.

The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) then announced that said special committee of the House had completed the assignment, and that Representative Belsito had, on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, taken and subscribed the necessary oaths of office, and was now duly qualified as a member of the House.

Id.

*Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Lilly Wilson on achieving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of America; and

Lilly  
Wilson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rogers of Norwood) congratulating the town of Norwood on the occasion of its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary;

Norwood,—  
anniversary.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Belsito of Topsfield, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Petition.*

Ms. Decker of Cambridge presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4282) of Marjorie C. Decker and others (with the approval of the city council) relative to authorizing the city of Cambridge to impose a real estate transfer fee; and the same was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Cambridge,—  
transfer fee.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill validating the actions taken at the annual town meeting and a certain special town meeting in the town of Rowley (printed in Senate, No. 2550) (on a message from His Excellency the Governor), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Rowley,—  
elections.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2593) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Tewksbury to change the name of its Board of Selectmen to Select Board, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Tewksbury,—  
select board.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2594) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to local opt-in for permanent outdoor dining. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Outdoor  
dining.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2595) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to provide a tax deduction for charitable donations of food by farmers. To the committee on Revenue.

Farmers,—  
food  
donations.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2596) of Joanne M. Comerford and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to allow municipalities to reasonably regulate solar siting. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Solar site  
regulations.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Wareham to grant an additional license for the sale of malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2587) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Making October 25th Dwarfism awareness day in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3160); and

To clarify penalties for violations occurring while driving with a hardship license (House, No. 3520);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Wareham,—  
liquor license.

Dwarfism  
awareness day.

Hardship  
license.

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2187) of Adrian C. Madaro relative to municipal approval of certain school service contracts,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4057) of Mike Connolly and Nika C. Elugardo relative to local approval of condominium conversion ordinances,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Housing.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2213) of Steven G. Xiarhos and others that cities and towns be authorized to establish police department civilian mental health advocate divisions,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Schools,—  
service  
contracts.

Condominiums,—  
conversion  
ordinances.

Police,—  
civilian mental  
health  
advocates.

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the building or rebuilding of bridges on land that falls under the jurisdiction of more than one municipality (House, No. 2133).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1337 and House, No. 2135, a Bill to improve the local infrastructure development program (House, No. 2135).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to partition fences (House, No. 2138).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the establishment of a regional old colony communications center enterprise fund by the town of Duxbury (House, No. 3748) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing senior water and sewer discounts in the town of Arlington (House, No. 3749) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Municipalities,—  
bridges.

Infrastructure  
development.

Partition  
fences.

Duxbury,—  
fund.

Arlington,—  
senior  
discounts.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of North Andover (Senate, No. 2561), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bill.

The House Bill relative to the Provincetown public pier corporation (House, No. 4190), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Id.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.